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LOGNOTEPanama Bureau.....10 July 1986

[] ANTENNA FIELD THEFT -- In searching for the cause of a recent failure of three of our rhombic antennas, [] our antenna maintenance contractor discovered that a 25-foot section of three cables had been stolen. The cable was stolen from an area where a number of cables from various antennas converge and are routed over a creek through a pipe. The pipe was partially encased in concrete. The thieves broke the concrete, cut three of the cables on both ends and pulled them out. They left the remaining cables untouched. Two of the antennas affected are targeted on Central America, the third on South America. We are having them repaired.

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I will report the theft to the 193d Inf Bde Provost Marshal and to Treaty Affairs. This is the first Bureau property to be stolen but not the first incident of this kind in this area. A sink was stolen from one of the vacant Army buildings adjacent to the Bureau and metal sheet roofing has been stolen from an Army building in the antenna field. I expect this will not be the last incident. Bureau employees and the guard force are being cautioned to keep an eye open for intruders.

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